

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject application. Claims 9-10 have been canceled. Claims 1-5, 8-19, and 25-36 are pending, of which claims 1, 11, and 25 have been amended to place the application in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 16-19 have been allowed, and claims 3-4, 10, and 13-15 are indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form (*Office Action* p.7). Applicant appreciates the indications of allowability. Claims 16-19 remain unchanged and are in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable feature(s) of claim 10 and intervening claim 9 (claims 9-10 now canceled). Accordingly, independent claim 1 along with dependent claims 2-5, 8, and 11-15 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that the claim objections be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §102 / §103 Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 9, 11-12, and 25-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,998,948 to Sisk et al. (hereinafter, "Sisk") (*Office Action* p.3). Claim 9 has been canceled.

Claims 1-2, 5, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,983,980 to Rasmussen (hereinafter, "Rasmussen") (*Office Action* p.6).

1 Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for obviousness over Sisk in
2 view of U.S. Patent No. 3,419,164 to O'Neill (hereinafter, "O'Neill") (*Office*
3 *Action* p.7).

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5 As noted above, independent claim 1 along with rejected dependent
6 claims 2, 5, 8, and 11-12 are in condition for allowance.

7 Claim 25 is amended to incorporate feature(s) previously discussed with the
8 Examiner that should overcome the references of record. For example, Sisk does
9 not show or disclose "a lifting device positioned within the aircraft and
10 configured to lift the first frame from a deck within the aircraft", as recited in
11 claim 25.

12 Accordingly, all of the rejected claims 1-2, 5, 8, 11-12, and 25-27 are in
13 condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests that the §102 and
14 §103 rejections be withdrawn.

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16 **New Claims**

17 New claims 28-36 are presented for examination, and are also in condition
18 for allowance. During prosecution, independent claim 20 and various dependent
19 claims 21-24, 6-7, and 9-10 have been canceled (one independent and eight
20 dependents). Applicant now adds one new independent claim 28 and eight new
21 dependent claims 29-36.

22 New claim 28 is similar to claim 1 amended to incorporate the feature(s)
23 previously discussed with the Examiner that should overcome the references of
24 record. For example, the references of record do not show or disclose "a lifting
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1 device positioned within the aircraft and configured to lift the first frame from a
2 deck within the aircraft", as recited in claim 28.

3 New claims 29-36 are dependent upon claim 28, and are similar to
4 respective claims 2-5 and 8-11. Accordingly, independent claim 28 along with
5 dependent claims 29-36 are allowable.

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7 **Conclusion**

8 All pending claims 1-5, 8-19, and 25-36 are in condition for allowance, and
9 Applicant respectfully requests issuance of the subject application. If any issues
10 remain that preclude issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact
11 the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

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13 Respectfully Submitted,

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